

APPENDIX 2: AGENCY FUNDING DETAILS

Department of Defense

The Department of Defense (DOD) is providing \$5 million to fund projects that support the goals of an existing [Sentinel Landscape](#), advance conservation goals in the Pacific, or address installation-level off-base species, habitat goals, and climate resilience. Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2684a(h), this funding may be counted as “non-federal” matching funds for the project. Projects must meet the requirements of this RFP and propose a project *in the vicinity of or ecologically related to*, a military installation or military airspace, and/or to maintain or enhance the climate resilience of one or more military installations. DOD funds **cannot** be used to support projects directly on military lands (i.e., “inside the fence line” of the DOD installation or range). The proposal narrative should clearly describe the encroachment challenges, environmental hazards or resource concerns that threaten the military mission, the conservation or nature-based solution proposed to address those threats, and how the project will maintain and improve military resilience and directly benefit defense mission capabilities of the DOD installation or landscape the project is associated with. Applications involving military installation projects should provide evidence demonstrating coordination with the appropriate military installation(s) or sentinel landscape.

Department of the Interior

Funding from the Department of the Interior (DOI) can only be awarded to state government agencies, territories of the United States, and federally recognized Indian Tribal governments for implementing voluntary ecosystem restoration projects on public and private land, with a priority for cross-boundary projects. Other entities are encouraged to partner with states, territories, and federally recognized Indian Tribal governments as subrecipients of a larger project they submit. Approximately, \$100 million of DOI funding will be made available to support projects that advance the goals of this RFP and align with existing or developing landscape or species conservation plan.

U.S. Forest Service

U.S. Forest Service (USFS) is providing at least \$10 million to advance the goals of Challenge program. This funding will support collaborative-based landscape-scale restoration projects on National Forest System lands to achieve the restoration of a forest ecosystem through the removal of vegetation, the use of prescribed fire, or the decommissioning of an unauthorized, temporary, or system road. Projects completing vegetation management should be connected to a watershed protection plan. Applicants should consider discussing their project with the National Forest their project will benefit prior to submission.

Natural Resources Conservation Service

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is providing \$1 million of technical assistance funding through this RFP to support outreach and engagement with private landowners to advance voluntary conservation efforts on working lands that align with NRCS Working Lands for Wildlife frameworks or initiatives, and especially increase Working Lands for Wildlife participation among farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners in the Historically Underserved and Special Emphasis categories. NRCS is also committed to aligning additional financial assistance funds through its state offices to projects that advance the goals of the America the Beautiful Challenge. Applications involving private lands should be shared with the appropriate NRCS State Conservationist for input and guidance before submission. A list of NRCS state contacts can be found [here](#).